

Harvest House for Women

*"...Look upon the fields, for it is ripe, ready for harvest."
-John 4:35*

This is an 8 month to 2 year program

Your understanding of these guidelines will create a more harmonious environment for everyone. Your cooperation in following these guidelines is essential and required. Common courtesy applies to any and all situations, whether or not it is listed specifically as a rule. We will not tolerate lying and deception. You have the opportunity to change your lifestyle and establish a lifestyle that will not only bring honor and glory to God but to yourself as well!

Rules to Live By:

THINK TWICE BEFORE ACTING OR REACTING

FINISH WHAT YOU START

PLAN AHEAD

WATCH WHAT YOU SAY AND HOW YOU SAY IT

ABOVE ALL BE CONSIDERATE TO EVERYONE

AFTER A TWO MONTH PROBATION PERIOD, WE WILL MEET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS YOUR CONTINUED STAY AT HARVEST HOUSE. YOUR STAY CAN LAST AS LONG AS NECESSARY IF YOU ARE WILLING TO OBEY THE RULES AND WORK AT GETTING ALONG WITH EVERYONE!

As you enter Harvest House your rent will be \$500.00 a month. If you tell us you have no money and you do you will be ask to leave. You must be willing to pay your way if possible.

THE WAY TO SETTLE DISAGREEMENTS OR OFFENSES

When you are offended by another person or group, go by yourself to that person or group and discuss the offense with them in private. If this does not solve the problem, take one or two others with you for a second discussion of the offense. If this does not work things out, you should go to the staff. If a person wishes to report an offense where the above process would not apply, it will be required that you have a name of a witness that would be willing to have their name mentioned. Incidents where names are not given and people will not face those they accuse are just gossip and will not be accepted.

1. You must be willing to receive a challenge to a commitment to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. He is the only reason we have our doors open!
2. Read at least three chapters a day in your Bible, starting with the book of John. Also, spend time in prayer daily. If you do not know how to pray we will be glad to help you. Wake up at 6:00 am so you can complete this before your children wake up.
3. Attend all church services and fellowships with us.
4. Tell us when you plan to leave during the day and when you plan to return. Plans should be made ahead of time using a Day Pass. You must have an approved Day Pass seven days in advance.
5. You may use the phone with staff assistance. You will be notified when you no longer need to ask for permission. You may use the phone to call doctor, case worker, and immediate family. Do not ask to use the phone to call boyfriends or other friends. If you abuse your phone privileges, they will be suspended. Your calls are limited to 10 minutes.
6. Be home by 5:00 PM for dinner unless you have made other arrangements with staff. If you do not call or come home before 5:00 PM, you may be asked to leave. If you are working during these hours, we expect you home as soon as you get off from work.
7. If you do not come home one night, you no longer live here. We want this to be your home and we expect you to be here as much as possible. If you decide to leave and you are still on your probation period or you are untrustworthy, staff will pack your things for you. This is a safety precaution that protects everyone. If you leave on good terms we will work with you. When you enter Harvest House you must have \$100.00 or a return bus ticket to where you came from.
8. If you decide to leave without talking to us about it, please take your things when you

go. We will not save or mail anything that has been left behind, we do not have storage space. Don't expect to come back for them the next day, they will not be here for you.

9. Doors lock at 10:00 PM. If you are going to be late call ahead of time and let staff know. Otherwise you will not get in.

10. Please do what staff asks of you and complete all of your assigned chores satisfactorily.

11. There is no lending or borrowing at all. This includes clothes, money, strollers, anything. If you have a need you are to go to staff. If you are new, you will have to establish trust before you can use any of the house property.

12. We do not allow foul language, street talk, gang signs, cursing, or gossiping. This is to stop upon admission to our home.

13. We do not play any other music besides Christian. No exceptions.

14. There will be no smoking at all while your living at Harvest House. If you smoke when you enter Harvest House ask the Lord to set you free and He will help you. He loves you and He answers prayer.

15. You must be willing to look for a job unless you have small children. You are not able to work until after your 2 month probation period.

16. If you wear make-up, please wear it light, including eye liner and eye shadow.

17. If you have a car, you must be willing to park it until after your 2 month probation period or until you are trustworthy. Sometimes it can take you where you do not need to go and we want to give you every opportunity to change your life.

18. Use only the front door on the Lodge, for security reasons.

19. We will not put up with rebellious conduct. We desire to live in peace, and want you to feel that way too.

20. When you have an income, you will pay rent to cover some of your expenses. If you are asked to leave or you choose to leave because of your behavior, **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A REFUND!**

21. If you take something that doesn't belong to you, you will be asked to leave. This is our home, and you will be immediately dismissed.

22. Do not close bedroom doors, other than to dress. Please dress modestly. All dresses for church are to come to or below the knee. You and your children must wear pajamas. If you do not have any, let us know and we will furnish you some. Street clothes are not to be used for sleeping. No short shorts ("daisy dukes").

23. We will discuss your finances. You must make a budget and stick to it. You need to give 10% of your income to the Lord. Your rent will depend on your income.

24. No relationships with men are allowed while you are here. If you are legally married, let us know (not common law). We will be glad to counsel you. Many of these relationships can hinder your growth and change. Let Jesus fill your loneliness. Breaking this rule can be cause for immediate dismissal.

25. You must be willing to receive instruction concerning your life and your child's life and behavior. We teach parenting skills and we want you to follow through with this teaching so your child can experience stability and consistency. We care if you feel good about yourself and if your child feels secure.

26. You may move out when you desire to do so. We ask you to commit to at least 8 months and you can stay for 2 years. This will help you learn to not run when a problem comes your way, but you can learn to handle your life in such a manner that brings glory to the Lord. We hope you will be willing to give yourself some time before you leave. We do not house anyone overnight or for a short period of time. This will become you and your children's home and we do want people checking in and out. If you do desire to leave please inform staff so we do not have to worry about you. It is very IRRESPONSIBLE to not come home. Be responsible and talk to us.

27. If you have any health problems please let us know (venereal disease, mental illness, ect.) You must be willing to have a medical exam and AIDS test. If you are under a doctor's care or on medication let staff know.

28. We do not allow any drugs or alcohol. If you are on a prescription drug(s) let staff know.

29. If you are on probation or are court ordered for anything (treatment, AA, NA, community service), let staff know. If you have any upcoming court dates, warrants, or tickets let us know.

30. Do not give out this address or phone number, other than to case worker, parents, and probation officer. Not friends, which could be grounds for dismissal.

When problems come up, let staff know. As you stay you will begin to deal with your life-controlling issues that have held you back. You CAN work it out and begin anew!

4 STEPS TO VICTORY IN CHRIST

STEP 1:

- A.) No phone calls without permission and all calls are supervised.
- B.) Do not seal any out going mail - all out-going and mail received is to be read by staff.
- C.) Three warnings of complaining = DISCIPLINE
 - 1. double chores
 - 2. PRIVILEGES taken away (whatever is decided by staff)
 - 3. One night in shelter to decide what you want to do with your life.
- D.) You are to channel all request through assigned supervisor.
NO ONE ELSE.....
- E.) No last minute requests will be granted, such as
 - 1. going places
 - 2. making last minute plans to be gone
 - 3. babysittingPLAN AHEAD == If you have a need bring it to supervisor before hand.
- F.) You are to have a shadow with you at all times away from the property. This will help protect you from making wrong choices while you are beginning a new life.
- G.) You are not allowed in the kitchen unless requested by house supervisor.
- H.) Do not answer the phone or the intercom unless you are the only one present.

COMPLAINING: We will not allow complaining for any reason. There is a better way to handle a situation when it comes up. If you are willing to keep up the complaining **YOU WILL NOT LIVE HERE.** Complaining is SIN and we have chosen to live for Jesus and not ourselves. You can go to the house supervisor with a personal problem "MAKE SURE IT IS YOUR PROBLEM" and they will help you. I can not stress enough that we will not tolerate continued complaining from **ANYONE!!!!**

STEP 2:

- A.) Still gets permission for phone = you do not need supervision.**
- B.) Seal letters = staff doesn't need to read mail =either out going to incoming mail.**
- C.) If complaining after asking you to stop = 3 nights in a shelter.**
- D. All questions and problems go through assigned supervisor.**

STEP 3:

- A.) Doesn't have to ask staff to go places.
- B.) Doesn't have to ask staff to use phone. Limit all local call to 5 minutes. No long distance calls. If you have a emergency and need to call Denver, or else where get permission from supervisor.
- C.) Any problems = Answer to Bob and Sharon (Dad & Mom)
- D.) Begin to save money for future for what ever God calls you to. If you desire to leave at graduation. begin to pray for room mate.
- E.) We expect you back up staff.
- F.) When you are on step 3, you have the privilege to be on a deciding committee for advancement for other women as they move forward on their steps.

STEP 4:

GRADUATION!!!

You are free to find other housing or continue here as a support to ministry. If you feel God is calling you to become staff, let us know. We will help you get set up in an apartment, if you need our help.